



# Strathendrick Singers

## Constitution

### 1 Objects

The object of the Strathendrick Singers is to advance the education of the public in the art of choral singing and other singing.

### 2 Membership

Membership shall be open to all aged 16 years of age and over at the time of joining. Members are to be interested in promoting the objects of the club and there will be two categories of members: singer membership and supporter membership.

Members wishing to be singers will be required to pass an audition conducted by the Choirmaster at the time of joining, and at such intervals as shall be deemed to be necessary by the Choirmaster to maintain musical standards.

There shall be no upper limit for the total number of singers, but the Choirmaster shall have the right to refuse or to defer admission of new singer members in the interest of maintaining a reasonable balance of voices. There shall be no specific geographical or residential qualifications for membership.

### 3 Finance

The singing activities of the Strathendrick Singers will be financed, in general from an annual subscription from all members, together with such revenue as is raised from public performances given. The Strathendrick Singers will under no circumstances seek concert revenue for the benefit of its members: the organisation is strictly non-profit making, and will only seek such funds as are necessary for the promotion of its activities, and the reasonable expenses associated therewith. The organisation shall in good faith make reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Group and fees to professional and technical advisors.

### 4 Subscriptions

There shall be no entrance fee. Subscriptions shall be paid annually by 31<sup>st</sup> October each year or in two equal amounts by 31<sup>st</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> January of the following year. Students will pay a reduced subscription. Subscription amounts for the following year shall be approved annually at the Annual General Meeting. Should additional levies or subscriptions be sought subsequent to 31<sup>st</sup> October by the Committee to meet special requirements, these shall be subject to approval by members at a full meeting of the members.

## 5 Resignations

Members shall give reasonable notice to a member of the Committee of their intention to resign. Resignation will not entitle members to any refund of their subscriptions.

## 6 Office Bearers and Committee

The Musical Director and Librarian shall be appointed by the Committee on such terms as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

Other Office Bearers and Ordinary Members of the Committee shall be elected for a period of up to 3 years at the Annual General Meeting.

### 6.2 Office Bearers

(a) Elected Office Bearers shall consist of :

Chairperson  
Vice-Chairperson  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Four members of the committee shall form a quorum.

(b) Office Bearers may be elected, either from existing ordinary Members of the Committee or from any member of the choir.

(c) Retiring Office Bearers are eligible for re-election or election in another capacity, subject to the proviso that any Office Bearer may serve in one or several capacities for a total of no more than 6 years, after which he or she shall not be eligible for election as a Member of Committee for a period of 3 years.

### 6.3 Ordinary Members of Committee

(a) There shall be four Ordinary Members of Committee, one elected from each part of the choir, i.e. Sopranos, Alto, Tenor, Bass.

(b) Ordinary Members shall serve a maximum of three years continuously. During, or at the end of, this period they are eligible for election as Office Bearers.

6.4 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members for assistance with administrative matters at any time at their discretion.

- 6.5 In the event of an Office Bearer or Committee Member resigning at any time prior to expiry of his or her appointment, the Committee may co-opt another choir member to fill the vacancy for the remaining portion of the year up till the next Annual General Meeting.
- 6.6 Nominations for Office Bearers or Committee Members shall have the consent of the nominee and shall be signed by proposer and seconder and should be preferably in the hands of the Secretary at least one week prior to the Annual General Meeting. This, however does not preclude proposals at the Annual General Meeting. In the event that the numbers of nominations received is insufficient to fill the vacancies then occurring, it shall be permissible at the Annual General Meeting to nominate members to fill such vacancies.
- 6.7 The Committee shall conduct the whole business affairs of the Strathendrick Singers. No Member of the Strathendrick Singers shall be at liberty to make any disbursements or incur any liability whatever in the name of or on behalf of the Strathendrick Singers without the authority of the Committee.
- 6.8 The Treasurer shall keep regular accounts recording the receipts and payments of all monies belonging to the Strathendrick Singers. The funds shall be lodged in a bank in the name of the Strathendrick Singers. All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer or other nominee at the sole discretion of the Committee. The Treasurer shall make up a statement of accounts made up to the 30<sup>th</sup> April each year. This statement shall be submitted in writing to all members at the Annual General Meeting and shall be subject to independent audit.

## **7 Meetings**

The Strathendrick Singers shall normally meet for rehearsal at weekly intervals. The Choirmaster and Committee shall be empowered to call additional rehearsals with reasonable notice given to members.

***Members are expected to attend rehearsals regularly and the Committee is empowered to ban members from public performance given by the Singers or call for members' resignations in the event of poor attendance at rehearsals.***

The Annual General Meeting of the Strathendrick Singers shall normally be held in May, when the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports will be submitted to members.

## **8 Music**

Purchase or borrowing of sheet music selected by the Choirmaster shall be the responsibility of the Committee. Sheet music purchased with Strathendrick Singers funds shall become the property of Strathendrick Singers. The Librarian shall keep a record of all sheet music belonging to Strathendrick Singers lent to members. Members will be held financially responsible for the loss or damage of such sheet music and the Committee shall be empowered to call for compensatory payments from members who loose or damage, beyond fair wear and tear, music they have borrowed.

## **9 Alteration to Constitution**

No alteration shall be made to the foregoing Constitution except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, and the notice calling such meetings shall state the alterations proposed to be made and no such alterations shall take effect unless supported by two-thirds majority of those present.

Any member may move an alteration to the Constitution. Two weeks' notice of such intention, together with the details of the proposed alteration must be given to the Secretary before the meeting at which the alteration is to be proposed.

For the purpose of alteration to the Constitution, any choir practice may be deemed a Special General Meeting.

For the purposes of Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings, one third of the paid up members of the Choir will form a quorum.

A special General Meeting may be called at any time and must have a proposer and a seconder and must be supported by at least two paid up members of the Choir.

## **10 Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the Strathendrick Singers, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Group, but shall be given or transferred to a recognised charitable organisation(s) having objects similar to those of the Strathendrick Singers, such institution or institutions to be decided by members of the Singers at, or before the time of dissolution and insofar as effect cannot be given to the foresaid provision then to some other charitable object.

**June 1980** (Amended) Adopted by Don Vass (Chairman) on behalf of Strathendrick Singers 21/10/99.

**May 2001** (Amended) Adopted by Victoria Glasse-Davies (Chairman) on behalf of Strathendrick Singers 20/8/01

**October 2005** (Amended) Adopted by Ken Craigie (Chairman) on behalf of Strathendrick Singers 24/10/05

**September 2007** (Amended) Adopted by Ken Craigie (Chairman) on behalf of Strathendrick Singers 10/9/07 at a Special General Meeting on a rehearsal evening, but not minuted. Ratified at Annual General meeting 2/06/09 by Alison Brown (Chairman) on behalf of Strathendrick Singers.

**September 2011** (Amended) Adopted by June Thomas (Chairman) on behalf of Strathendrick Singers at a Special General Meeting on 5/09/11.

**May 2015** (Amended) Adopted by Vicky Glasse-Davies (Chairman) on behalf of Strathendrick Singers at a Special General Meeting on 18/05/15